



## Information update for Parents

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*Friday 22nd October 2021*



Dear Parents,

Following the announcement that the school met the criteria for a covid 19 outbreak, we have all been working hard to limit this impact.

I am pleased to tell you that the number of cases has diminished following the reinstatement of our previous procedures.

Given the high number of cases and hospital admissions nationally, I am keen to minimise the risk of school closure as we approach the second half of the Autumn Term.

May I respectfully request that parents continue to wear facemasks in the playground when collecting children at the end of the school day.

As always, we ask that parents enter the playground via the Langley Road gate and exit the site *as soon as possible* via the back playground gate to limit contact.

We understand that the children may be mixing with different groups of people over the half-term holiday. Therefore, we would appreciate you keeping a watchful eye for any covid 19 symptoms.

In addition, we would appreciate you considering a lateral flow test before the children return to school.



Tests can be ordered by following the link below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/regular-rapid-coronavirus-tests-if-you-do-not-have-symptoms/>

I hope that you and your children have a safe, happy and restful half-term holiday.

With best wishes,

*Christina Singh*

Headteacher

# Environmental issues



During the last year, we have been focusing on the impact that the school building has on the environment.

As a result of this work, we decided to replace all our existing lights with higher efficiency LED lighting at the cost of £27,000. In addition, these lights are equipped with programmed sensors, which ensure that lighting is automatically switched off when not in use.

All the necessary work went ahead this week and was carried out on four consecutive nights to minimise any disruption to the school day.

These lights enable us to maintain an appropriate lighting level for the children, adapting to the light levels outside.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the parents who contacted the police to inform them that the front door of the school was open during the evening.

We have also replaced both our school boilers with more energy-efficient alternatives.

We hope that these changes will make a positive difference to our carbon footprint.

Many of you will have been watching the BBC Earthshot prize, where Prince William and Sir David Attenborough explore simple, ambitious ideas to repair our planet.

Given the importance of this topic, we have decided to watch this series with the children. We have taken a whole school approach and all classes have been watching this on a Friday afternoon before Achievement assembly. The children have already responded very positively to this focus.

## Parent consultations



Parent consultations will take place between Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November via google meet.

The school office will send an email containing a link to the parents evening booking system to enable you to choose your appointment and some additional instructions regarding year group arrangements.

Each meeting will last for 10 minutes, and you will need to use your *child's google username and password* to join the consultation.

We are looking forward to meeting with you to tell you about your child's progress.



## A message from The Pantry

*We are pleased to have provided school lunches for your children this half term and have welcomed the positive feedback on the food quality. However, we are also well aware we have fallen short of our standards in communicating with parents, particularly during the first three weeks of September. I want to reassure you that we have worked hard to improve our response times in dealing with parent queries to ensure this situation does not reoccur.*

*The Pantry is continually working with the school to improve the lunch service, and we would welcome any feedback about the food offering. We are also planning to engage with your children to create the next menu.*

*We are open over half term if you have any questions about the catering before school returns in November. In the meantime, we wish you all the best for your October Half Term and look forward to welcoming your children back to the dining hall in November.*

Anthony Swaby-Burleigh

Head of Operations – The Pantry (UK) Ltd

## Stars of the week 22nd October 2021



The following children have been nominated by their Class Teachers to be star of the week this week, for an aspect of learning, an achievement or positive behaviour. However, all the children deserve congratulations for a successful week.

Class	Nominee	Reason
Holly	Amelia	For fantastic teaching of column addition to the class – you are a born teacher!
Willow	Siena	For being a committed reader whose hard work and dedication has resulted in fantastic progress.
Oak	Kendall	For persisting with her writing to produce a fantastic fable with a very important moral.
Juniper	Isobel	For writing an entertaining and descriptive fable.
Elm	Max and Jake	For being good, supportive friends and showing compassion whilst on the playground.
Beech	Reva	For her controlled language in our Sandwich Bot programming.
Rowan	Issam	For an excellently written alternative scene ending – you used dialogue to move the action on.
Poplar	Anupriya and Shree	For creating and teaching an expert routine in pilates.